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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: 1976 REPORTING
REQUIREMENT

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1. THERE HAVE BEEN NO CHANGES WITHIN THE LAST YEAR IN
DOMINICAN CONSTITUTION OR LAWS AFFECTING HUMAN RIGHTS.
INFORMATION IN ARA/CAR MEMORANDUM AND EMBASSY'S A-24 IS
STILL VALID. CONGRESS HAS CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY TO
DECLARE "STATE OF SIEGE." PRESIDENT CAN DO SO WHEN CONGRESSES
IS NOT IN SESSION.
 2. GODR PERFORMANCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS REMAINED GENERALLY
GOOD. MOST CELEBRATED SPECIFIC CASE WAS ARREST, TRIAL,
SENTENCING AND PARDONING OF THREE PUERTO RICANS INVOLVED IN
GUERRILLA LANDING.
 3. GODR CONTINUES TO REACT FORCEFULLY TO PROVOCATIONS OF
EXTREME LEFT, BUT DETENTIONS, TRIALS AND SENTENCES APPEAR
TO BE GENERALLY COMPATIBLE WITH LAW AND CUSTOM.
 4. EMBASSY INTERVENED SUCCESSFULLY IN CASE OF THREE PUERTO
RICANS (SEE ABOVE) AND HAS MADE KNOWN TO GODR OFFICIALS
ITS INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS AFFAIRS.
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